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(Case No. 05-314-C)

In the Application of:

Singh et al.

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Filing Date: August 22, 2003

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Infection

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Group Art Unit: 1625

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Preliminary Amendments and Response to Office Action mailed July 19, 2005.
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  - a) A fee is not required at this time.
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 19, 2005

  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following preliminary remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.